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Gun-store robber is sentenced to 25 years in prison

A federal judge today sentenced **Timi Wallace**, 32, to 25 years in prison for a robbery in September 2000 at D&B Guns on North Main Street, Providence. A jury convicted Wallace in October of participating in the gunpoint robbery. He had been a fugitive for four years.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence.

During the trial in October, Assistant U.S. Attorney Lee H. Vilker presented evidence that, on September 25, 2000, Timi Wallace and his brother, Nickoyan Wallace, held up D&B's owner and a clerk at gunpoint and made off with six handguns – four .45 caliber pistols, a .40 caliber pistol and a .50 caliber pistol.

Providence Police and ATF agents arrested Nickoyan Wallace ten days after the robbery in an apartment at 181 Pleasant Street and recovered five of the six stolen guns.

Timi Wallace remained a fugitive until ATF agents and Deputy U.S. Marshals arrested him in the Bronx last July – after the Marshals Service had placed him on its most-wanted fugitives list.

The jury found Wallace guilty of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, armed robbery, stealing guns from a licensed firearms dealer, and using a firearm during a crime of violence. Judge Smith sentenced him to 18 years in prison for the first three charges and an additional seven years for brandishing a gun during the robbery. The sentence is longer than what federal

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guidelines would have called for before a Supreme Court decision this month invalidated mandatory guidelines. Judge Smith cited several factors for going beyond the sentence recommended by the guidelines, including his finding that Wallace had terrorized his victims during the robbery.

Nickoyan Wallace is serving a 17-year federal sentence for his role in the robbery.

Providence Police and the **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives** investigated the robbery. **ATF** and the **United States Marshals Service** conducted the search for Timi Wallace. Assistant U.S. Attorney Vilker prosecuted the case against him.

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